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Report Highlights:

On March 8, 2013, Russia notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of draft amendments to the veterinary requirements of the Customs Union (CU), adopted by the CU Commission Decision No. 317 of June 18, 2010, regarding finished meat products. The 60-day comment period ends on May 7, 2013. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and concerns with USDA's enquiry point (IRSD@fas.usda.gov).

General Information

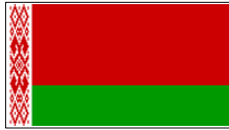
The Russia-Kazakhstan-Belarus Customs Union (CU) has published the following draft document [On Amending Unified Veterinary \(Veterinary and Sanitary\) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control \(Surveillance\)](#), which would divide current CU veterinary requirements for finished meat products into two chapters:

- Products produced without heat treatment or heat treated below 70°C;
- Products produced without heat treatment above 70°C.

Unofficial English translation of the above draft document can be found below.

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**EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION
COLLEGIUM**

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DECISION

_____ 2012 No. Moscow

On Amending Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance)

The Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission **has resolved:**

1. To amend the Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance), approved by Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 317 of June 18, 2010, "On Application of Veterinary and Sanitary Measures in the Customs Union," shall read according to the Attachment.
2. The present Decision shall take effect after 30 calendar days from its official publication.

Chairman V.B. Khristenko

ATTACHMENT

to Decision of the Collegium
of the Eurasian Economic Commission
No. _____ of “_____” _____ 2013

AMENDMENTS **to the Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to** **Veterinary Control (Surveillance)**

1. Chapter 25 shall read as follows:

“Chapter 25

VETERINARY-SANITARY REQUIREMENTS **for canned food and other prepared meat products that were subjected to heat treatment ensuring** **the temperature inside the product of no less than 70 °C, imported in the customs territory of the** **Customs Union and/or transferred between the Parties**

It is permitted to import in the customs territory of the Customs Union and/or transfer between the Parties the canned food and other prepared meat products that were subjected to heat treatment ensuring the temperature inside the product of no less than 70 °C (hereinafter for the purposes of the present Chapter – prepared meat products), and intended for human consumption, manufactured at the meat-processing establishments.

Raw meat from which the prepared meat products are manufactured must originate from clinically healthy animals and pass the veterinary and sanitary examination.

It is permitted to import to the customs territory of the Customs Union and (or) transfer between the Parties the prepared meat products from meat-processing establishments, located in administrative territories that are free from contagious animal diseases in accordance with the recommendations of the OIE Code.

It is not permitted to import to the territory of the Customs Union and (or) transfer between the Parties the prepared meat products that were received from the slaughter of animals, which were treated with:

- natural (synthetic) estrogenic, hormonal, and thyrostatic drugs for stimulating growth;
- antibiotics, other medicines, and pesticides, administered prior to slaughter before expiration of the period of their withdrawal from the bodies of such animals.

Microbiological, chemical and toxicological and radiological indicators of the prepared meat products must comply with the veterinary and sanitary rules and requirements established in the Customs Union territory.

It is permitted to import in the customs territory of the Customs Union and/or transfer between the Parties the prepared meat products in the integral package and unbroken containers.

The product must have marking on the package. The label should be stuck on the package in such a way that unpacking would be impossible without the damage of the label integrity.”

2. To supplement with the following chapter:

“Chapter 40

VETERINARY-SANITARY REQUIREMENTS

for prepared meat products that were produced without heat treatment or were subjected to heat treatment at the temperature below 70 °C, imported in the customs territory of the Customs Union and/or transferred between the Parties

It is permitted to import in the customs territory of the Customs Union and/or transfer between the Parties the prepared meat products that were produced without heat treatment or were subjected to heat treatment at the temperature below 70 °C (hereinafter for the purposes of the present Chapter – prepared meat products), intended for human consumption, manufactured at the meat-processing establishments.

The prepared meat products were produced from meat and other food meat raw materials, must originate from healthy animals that passed an antemortem veterinary examination and postmortem veterinary and sanitary inspection.

Meat and other food meat raw materials must originate from the slaughter of healthy animals from establishments or administrative territory in accordance with regionalization, officially free from the animal diseases:

For all types of animals:

- Foot and mouth disease (FMD) – during the last 12 months in the territory of the country or administrative territory in accordance with regionalization;
- Anthrax – during the last 20 days on the premises;

For cattle:

- Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) – according to the recommendations of the OIE Code and BSE risk classification of the exporting country, zone, or compartment;
- Rinderpest – during the last 24 months in the territory of the country or administrative territory according to regionalization;
- Brucellosis, tuberculosis – during the last 6 months on the premises;
- Enzootic leukosis – during the last 12 months on the premises.

For sheep and goats:

- Scrapie of sheep – in accordance with the recommendations of the OIE Code;
- Peste de petits ruminants – during the last 36 months in the country or administrative territory in accordance with the regionalization or during 6 months if “stamping out” was carried out since the date of slaughtering of the last affected animal;
- Rinderpest - during the last 24 months in the country or administrative territory in accordance with regionalization;

- Brucellosis, tuberculosis – during the last 6 months on the premises;

For swine:

- African swine fever – during the last 36 months in the territory of the country or administrative territory according to regionalization;
- Swine vesicular disease – during the last 24 months in the territory of the country or administrative territory according to regionalization or during the last 9 months in the territory of the country or administrative territory according to regionalization if stamping-out was carried out;

- Classical swine fever – during the last 12 months in the territory of the country or administrative territory according to regionalization;
- Aujeszky's disease – in the territory of the country according to the recommendations of the OIE Code;
- Swine enteroviral encephalomyelitis (swine Teschovirus encephalomyelitis, Teschen disease) – during the last 6 months in the territory of the country or administrative territory according to regionalization;
- Trichinellosis – in the absence of registered cases during the last 3 months on the premises;
- Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome – during the last 6 months on the premises.

For birds:

- Avian influenza, subject to notification in accordance with the OIE Code, Newcastle disease - during the last 12 months in the territory of the country or administrative territory or during 3 months if “stamping-out” measures are conducted and negative results are received during epizootic control according to regionalization;

For horses:

- African horse sickness – during the last 24 months in the territory of the country or administrative territory in accordance with regionalization;
- Glanders - during the last 36 months in the territory of the country or administrative territory in accordance with regionalization;
- Epizootic lymphangitis – during the last 2 months on the premises.

It is permitted to import in the customs territory of the Customs Union and/or transfer between the Parties the prepared meat products originating from the slaughter of cattle and (or) small ruminants which did not receive feeds of animal origin, containing proteins of ruminant animals, except for substances, recommended by the OIE Code.

Pork, used for manufacture of prepared meat products must meet one of the following conditions:

- each carcass was tested for trichinellosis with negative result

or

- pork was subjected to freezing according to the following table:

Time (hours)	Temperature (Centigrade)
106	-18
82	-21
63	-23,5
48	-26
35	-29
22	-32
8	-35
½	-37

It is not permitted to import to the territory of the Customs Union and (or) transfer between the Parties the prepared meat products that were received from the slaughter of animals, which were treated with:

- natural (synthetic) estrogenic, hormonal, and thyrostatic drugs for stimulating growth;
- antibiotics, other medicines, and pesticides, administered prior to slaughter before expiration of the period of their withdrawal from the bodies of such animals.

Microbiological, chemical and toxicological and radiological indicators of the prepared meat products must comply with the veterinary and sanitary rules and requirements established in the Customs Union territory.

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